

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT KLANCHER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the life of Robert Klancher. Mr. Klancher recently passed away at the age of 57 after battling cancer for almost two years. He leaves behind an incredible legacy as a community leader and friend to so many throughout the Commonwealth. His work over the years has not only helped change his home of Loudoun County, but also the lives of countless other in Virginia's 10th District. He was a leader in every sense of the word and his immense positive impact on those who knew him will be felt for years to come.

Robert served on Loudoun County's Planning Commission since he was first appointed to the position in January of 2004. Over his twelve years with the commission, Robert served as both Chairman and Vice Chairman, where he helped provide more than 750 recommendations to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors on issues concerning land development, comprehensive planning, future land use policies, and the Capital Improvements Program. His son, also named Robert, has continued on his father's legacy of distinguished government service by working in Prince William County government and now as a Legislative Aide to Supervisor Ron Meyer of the Broad Run District.

Mr. Klancher's tenure on the Loudoun County Planning Commission coincided with one of the county's largest periods of growth. In 2004, Loudoun had a population of approximately 230,000 residents. Today, that number has grown to an estimated 373,000 residents. His work has contributed to many of the great sites and activities that residents in the community enjoy, such as the Stone Ridge community, Loudoun Valley Estates, Arcola Center, One Loudoun, Waterside and Lansdowne developments, as well as updates to Broadlands, Brambleton, Kirkpatrick Farms, and many others. Robert truly cared about his community, the depth of which is marked by the incredible legacy of involvement and positive change he has given us all.

Robert served as a mentor to both coworkers and friends, while colleagues have noted that he "exemplified the qualities of a community servant". He will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him, both on a personal and professional level. Robert is survived by his beloved wife Janet, daughter Victoria Hickman, son Bobby and daughters Catherine and Jacqueline. He is also survived by his loving parents Bob and Olga Klancher, and his brother John.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Robert Klancher.

USMC FIRST SERGEANT EDWARD KRETSCHMER PROMOTED TO SERGEANT MAJOR

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Sergeant Edward Kretschmer, United States Marine Corps, who will be promoted to Sergeant Major on June 3, 2016. First Sergeant Kretschmer has served in the Marine Corps since 1993.

Over the course of his distinguished military career, First Sergeant Kretschmer has performed a number of duties, including Senior Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Instructor at the Marine Corps' Staff Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Company 1st Sergeant with the Second Assault Amphibian Battalion, and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Brigade Advisor Team in Afghanistan. Prior to First Sergeant Kretschmer's promotion, he served as the Headquarters First Sergeant at Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow. His overseas service includes a combat tour in Iraq and two combat tours in Afghanistan.

I would like to congratulate First Sergeant Kretschmer on his promotion. First Sergeant Kretschmer is a fine example of the professionalism of non-commissioned officers in the United States Armed Forces. His service reflects great credit upon the United States Marine Corps and the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY GLENN KEOUGH FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Glenn Keough, a law enforcement officer who recently was recognized at the 25th Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety Ceremony for his invaluable service and commitment to our community.

Deputy Keough first joined the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department in 2014. He is currently assigned to the Patrol in the Field Operations Division. Last year, Deputy Keough made 23 DUI arrests, 49 misdemeanor arrests, and 36 felony arrests. He selflessly executed these 108 arrests with professionalism and courage in order to further protect the citizens of our community. I would like to thank him for the honorable service he provides my constituents day-in and day-out. His daily sacrifices and commitment to serving our region are commendable. Our community is safer thanks to the continued efforts of Dep-

uty Keough and his fellow law enforcement officers. His bravery, service, and commitment to Loudoun County have not gone unnoticed and will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking and congratulating Deputy Glenn Keough for his dedication to both Virginia's 10th Congressional District and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LIFE OF FRAN NITKIN

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and life of Mrs. Fran Nitkin.

There is an old proverb that says, "Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." Fortunately for the students of the Pennsbury School District they shared many days with a great teacher, Mrs. Fran Nitkin.

Mrs. Nitkin was hired by Pennsbury in 1989 initially as a substitute teacher. She then served for many years as a teacher at Oxford Valley Elementary and had the opportunity to inspire young minds in elementary schools across the Pennsbury School District including Edgewood, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Quarry Hill elementary schools.

In 2003, Mrs. Nitkin was appointed principal at Village Park Elementary. She then moved to Oxford Valley in 2006 and remained principal there until her death.

Known by all for her high standards and dedication as a teacher and administrator, she was always ready to "provide assistance and wise counsel."

Oxford Valley Elementary School, a National School of Character, was built on the cornerstones of Cooperation, Respect, Responsibility, and Sportsmanship. Principal Fran Nitkin embodied these qualities and passed them along to her students every single day because she was a great teacher.

IN RECOGNITION OF DFC RUBEN CARDENAS FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy First Class Ruben Cardenas, a law enforcement officer who recently was recognized at the 25th Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety Ceremony for his invaluable service and commitment to our community.

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